This is the story of the fate that leads to 0.
"DON'T BE CARELESS AND RASH."
IF I HAD THE CHANCE, I WOULD LIKE TO TELL MY PAST SELF...
"THEY'RE CONSTANTLY DECEIVING YOU WHILE STAYING ON TOP."
"THE REACH OF THE CONSPIRACY IS MUCH CLOSER TO YOU THAN YOU THINK."
BUT, THERE'S NO WAY I COULD HAVE KNOWN, RIGHT?
IF ONLY I HAD REALIZED MY OWN FOOLISHNESS, I WOULDN'T HAVE LOST HER.

LIKE I HELD THE SWITCH TO A CRUCIAL BRANCHING POINT!
IN THAT MOMENT, IT WAS AS THOUGH I HAD TO DECIDE THE FATE OF ALL OF HUMANITY WITH MY OWN HANDS!

Steins;Gate

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#0 Prologue

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July 28, Akihabara

SFX: FWIP
HOUOUIN KYOUMA!
I AM THE MAD SCIENTIST TARGETED BY SECRET AGENCIES AROUND THE WORLD,
I'M OKABE RINTARO. NOWADAYS, I'M A TOTAL CHUUNIBYOU.
MU HA HA HA HA!
EL
PSY
KON-GROO.
OR... THAT'S THE SETTING IN WHICH I'M ENGAGED.
AND PLUMMET IT INTO CHAOS IS HOUOUIN KYOUMA.
THE PERSON THAT WILL DEMOLISH THE RULING STRUCTURE OF THE WORLD ESTABLISHED BY THE TOTALLY REAL EVIL AGENCY NAMED
"THE ORGANI-ZATION"

A PERSON DEAR TO ME.
IT'S ALL IN ORDER TO PROTECT
I HAVE A REASON FOR ACTING LIKE THAT.
OKARIN, WHERE ARE WE GOING TODAY?
I TOLD YOU THAT WE'RE GOING TO THE TIME MACHINE PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY DOCTOR NAKABACHI!
MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND WHO IS TWO YEARS YOUNGER THAN ME: SHIINA MAYURI
THAT DAY,
ON THE 28TH OF JULY 2010, AT RADIO KAIKAN IN AKIHABARA...

THE FIGURE OF A GENIUS GIRL NAMED MAKISE KURISU
OBJECTION!
WHAT AWAITED ME WAS...
LYING IN A POOL OF BLOOD.

Looks like someone stabbed Makise Kurisu!
CLICK
AND THEN...
THIS IS BAD! LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE STABBED MAKISE KURISU!
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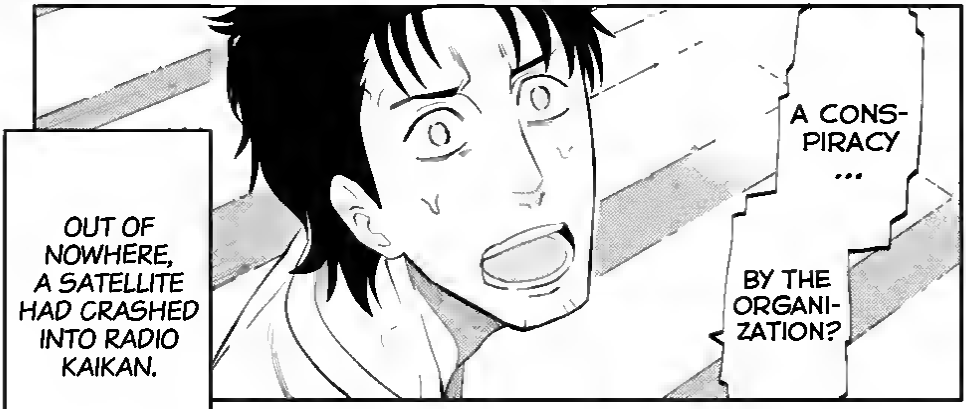
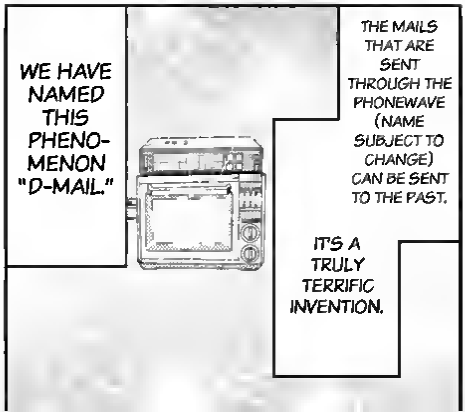
SFX: SAG
GH
MY HEAD!
UGH

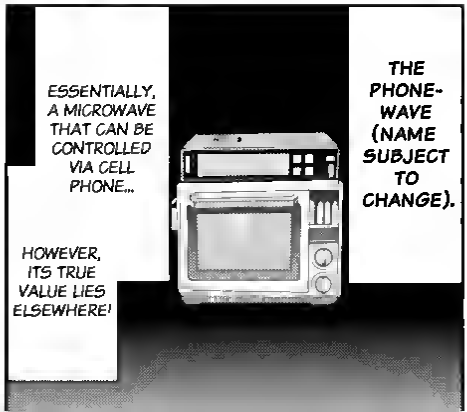
COULD THIS BE...
世界の


OUT OF NOWHERE, A SATELLITE HAD CRASHED INTO RADIO KAIKAN.
A CONS-PIRACY ...
BY THE ORGANI-ZATION?

OUR FUTURE GADGET LABORATORY WOULD NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN.
HOWEVER, AFTER WE GOT ENTANGLED IN THIS BIZARRE EVENT,

AMONGST THOSE DEVICES THERE'S ONE THAT'S WITHOUT A DOUBT THE INVENTION OF THE CENTURY.
IT IS...
"FUTURE GADGET LABO-RATORY"
A LABORATORY WHOSE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO INVENT DEVICES TO COMBAT THE ORGANIZATION.


WE HAVE NAMED THIS PHENO-MENON "D-MAIL."
THE MAILS THAT ARE SENT THROUGH THE PHONEWAVE (NAME SUBJECT TO CHANGE) CAN BE SENT TO THE PAST.
IT'S A TRULY TERRIFIC INVENTION.


ESSENTIALLY, A MICROWAVE THAT CAN BE CONTROLLED VIA CELL PHONE...
HOWEVER, ITS TRUE VALUE LIES ELSEWHERE!
THE PHONE-WAVE (NAME SUBJECT TO CHANGE).

MOREOVER, WE IMPROVED IT AND CAN NOW SEND MEMORIES TO THE PAST. IT'S THE ADVENT OF THE TIME LEAP MACHINE.
THE PERSON WHO GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO THIS MAJOR INVENTION IS...
MY ASSISTANT, CHRISTINA!!

SHE'S MAKISE KURISU, WHO SHOULD HAVE DIED AT RADIO KAIKAN.
DON'T CALL ME CHRISTINA!

I WAS NEITHER STABBED NOR AM I A ZOMBIE, ALL RIGHT?
SHE GETS MAD EVERY TIME.

....
VERY WELL THEN... THE ZOMBIE!

IF ONLY I HAD NOTICED SOONER...
THAT TIME... I SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE CAREFUL.
THEN... WHAT WAS THAT...?
THAT I HAD MOVED TO A WORLDLINE WHERE MAYURI IS FATED TO DIE...
SFX: THUD

OKABE RINTARO, MAKISE KURISU, HASHIDA ITARU, YOU THREE ARE COMING WITH US!
DON'T MOVE! WE WILL RETRIEVE THE TIME MACHINE!
....
KIRYU MOEKA!
EH?
SFX: CLICK
SFX: BANG
SHIINA MAYURI IS NOT NEEDED.

EEEEEK!
SERN'S MERCENARY UNIT RAIDED THE LAB.
MAYURI!!!!

OKABE RINTARO!

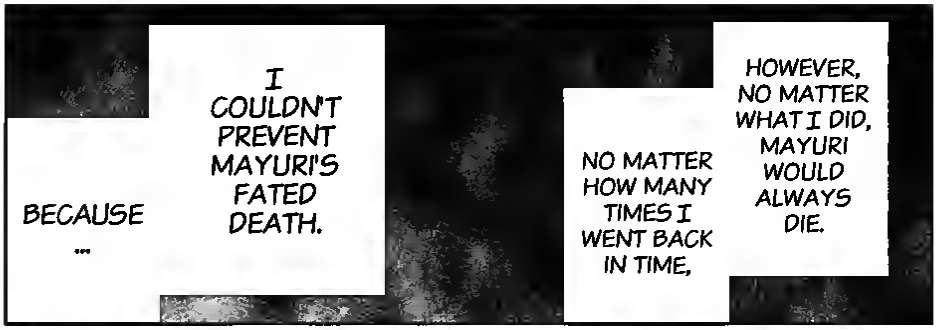
GO NOW!
JOLT
SFX: POW

PLEASE LEAP... LEAP...!
Mayuri is dead... Why would such a thing happen...?
SFX: RATTLE RATTLE
SFX: BA-BAM
OKABE!! ARE YOU SURE?!
AS IF I'D JUST LET THIS HAPPEN!
SFX: BUMP
UGH
...COME ON!

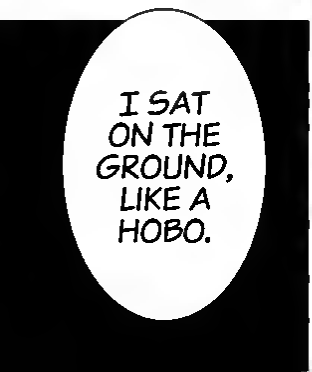
LEAPPPPPP!
SFX: ZOOM
SFX: CREAK
TUTTURU~
I SUCCESS-FULLY SENT MY MEMORIES TO MY PAST SELF VIA THE TIME LEAP MACHINE.
IN ORDER ...

to save Mayuri from her tragic fate!

SFX BANG
THE TERROR-ISTS ARE HIDING THERE ...
SFX THUD

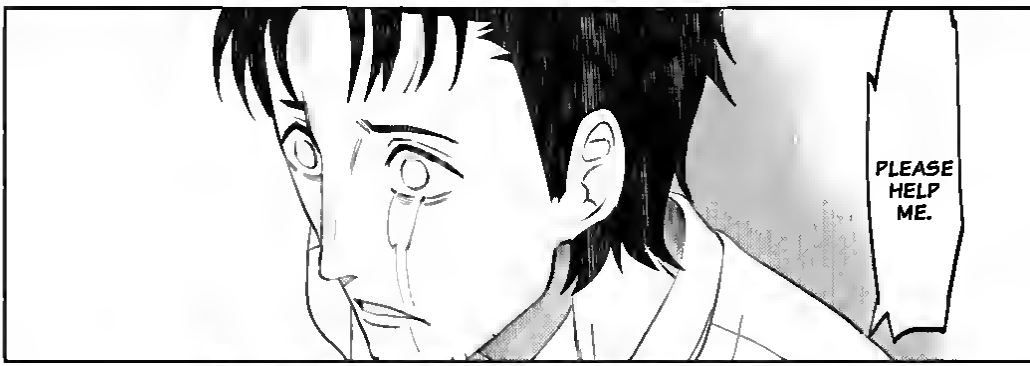

BECAUSE ...
I COULDN'T PREVENT MAYURI'S FATED DEATH.
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I WENT BACK IN TIME,
HOWEVER, NO MATTER WHAT I DID, MAYURI WOULD ALWAYS DIE.

The world had chosen for Mayuri to die.
Regardless of my actions. Even if I eliminated external factors, Mayuri would die of a heart attack.
The world wished for Mayuri's death.


I SAT ON THE GROUND, LIKE A HOBO.

IN THE END, AFTER REALIZING HOW FUTILE MY STRUGGLES WERE...

KURISU...


PLEASE HELP ME.

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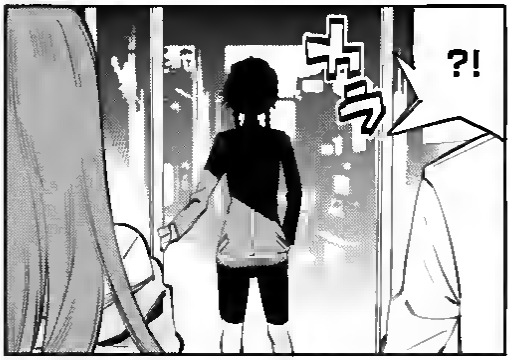
WHAT TIME HAVE YOU COME FROM?
SO, AFTER RECEIVING A CALL FROM SOMEONE...
YOU SUDDENLY CHANGED COMPLE-TELY.
....
FROM THREE HOURS LATER ...
MAYURI
WAS KILLED.

ACCORDING TO WHAT YOU SAID,
I ALSO WANT TO SAVE MAYURI, BUT...

ALL RIGHT, OKABE.

SORRY, IT'S MY FAULT...
THEN WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?

SFX: SLIDE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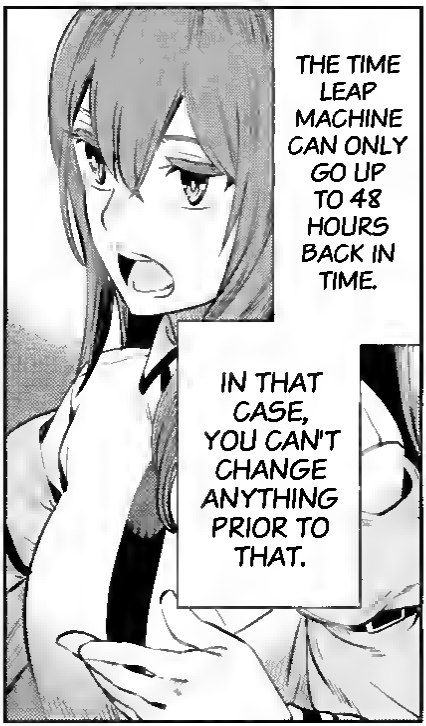
THE TIME LEAP MACHINE CAN ONLY GO UP TO 48 HOURS BACK IN TIME.
IN THAT CASE, YOU CAN'T CHANGE ANYTHING PRIOR TO THAT.

SUZUHA?!
EVERYONE, PLEASE LISTEN TO ME. I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT MY TRUE IDENTITY... AND ABOUT THE FUTURE.
AMANE SUZUHA TOLD US THAT SHE'S A TIME TRAVELLER FROM 2036.
WE WOULD LATER LEARN THAT SHE'S DARU'S DAUGHTER FROM THE FUTURE.
SHE ALSO ADDED THAT SHE'S A MEMBER OF THE RESISTANCE FIGHTING IN THE DYSTOPIAN FUTURE
AND THUS CAME TO THIS TIME IN ORDER TO PREVENT THAT SITUATION ENTIRELY.
THE WORLD
CONSISTS OF MULTIPLE WORLD LINES
THAT BUNDLE TOGETHER INTO AN ATTRACTOR FIELD.

2010
WHEN A MAJOR DIVERGENCE OCCURS... IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CHANGE THE FUTURE.
AND, THERE'S A MAJOR DIVERGENCE NOW, IN 2010. THEREFORE--
NORMALLY, EVERY WORLD LINE WILL CONVERGE TO THE SAME ESTABLISHED FUTURE, REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU DO...
HOWEVER,
YOU MEAN THERE'S A WORLD LINE WHERE WE CAN SAVE MAYURI?
PERHAPS ...
IT DEPENDS ON YOU, OKABE RINTARO.
IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO OBSERVE THE WORLD LINE SHIFT, YOUR POWER IS NECESSARY.
THAT POWER WILL ALSO RELEASE US FROM SERN'S CONTROL.
THE CAUSE OF ALL THIS SEEMS TO BE...

SERN INTER-CEPTED THAT MAIL AND NOTICED US.
CLICK
SFX: SAG
THE ORIGINAL D-MAIL THAT I SENT TO DARU...
IN OTHER WORDS,
ACCORDING TO SUZUHA, THAT CAUSED THE SHIFT TO A WORLD LINE WHERE MAYURI DIES...
Mayuri won't die.
if we can delete the mail stored in SERN's servers...
SFX: ZOOM
0.571046

I HAVE EVERYTHING I NEED TO ERASE THE MAIL I SENT TO DARU FROM SERN'S SERVERS!
AT LAST!
SFX: WHOOSH
Finally I can return to the world line I was in before.
I can save Mayuri!
LAB MEMS ASSEMBLE!
THAT'S ...
OPERATION VERTHANDI WILL NOW BEGIN!

THE ONE ABOUT ME DYING AT RADIO KAIKAN, RIGHT?
YOU'VE BEEN TEASING ME A LOT, CALLING ME "THE ZOMBIE" AND STUFF, OKABE.
SFX: BA-DUMP
MEANS...
RETURNING TO THE BETA WORLD LINE...
THAT'S WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I RETURN TO THAT WORLD LINE, ISN'T IT?
THAT MAKISE KURISU WILL BE KILLED BY SOMEONE.

SFX: POURING
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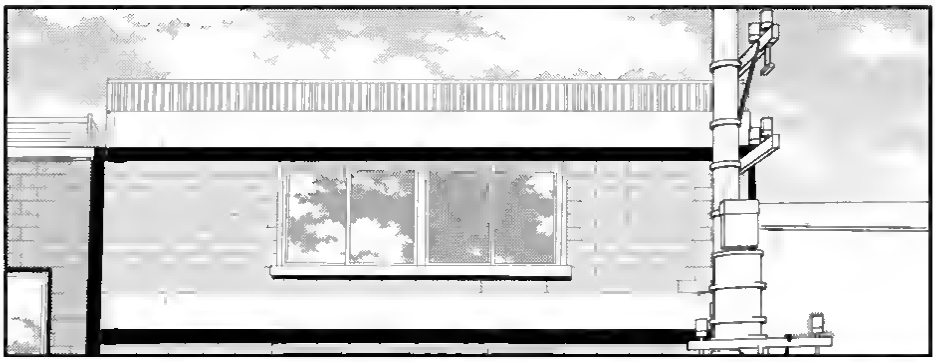
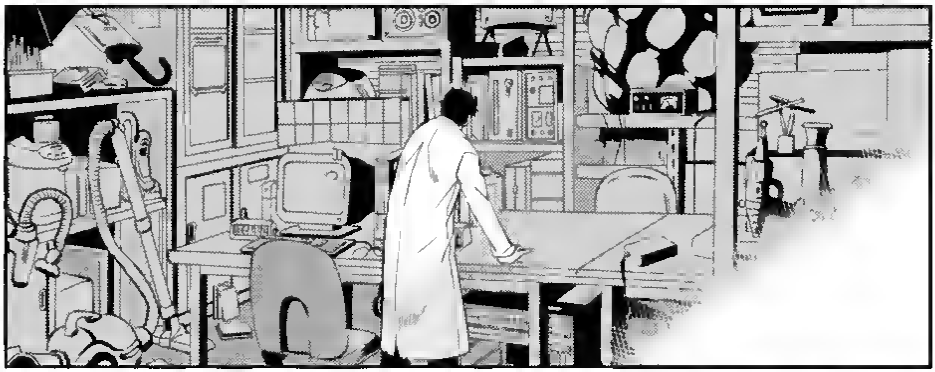
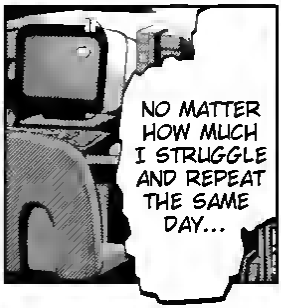
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN CHOOSE!
Why must either one die?!
AAAAAAH!
Mayuri... or Kurisu...
AAAAAAAAH!





I CAN'T FIND A WAY TO SAVE YOU BOTH!

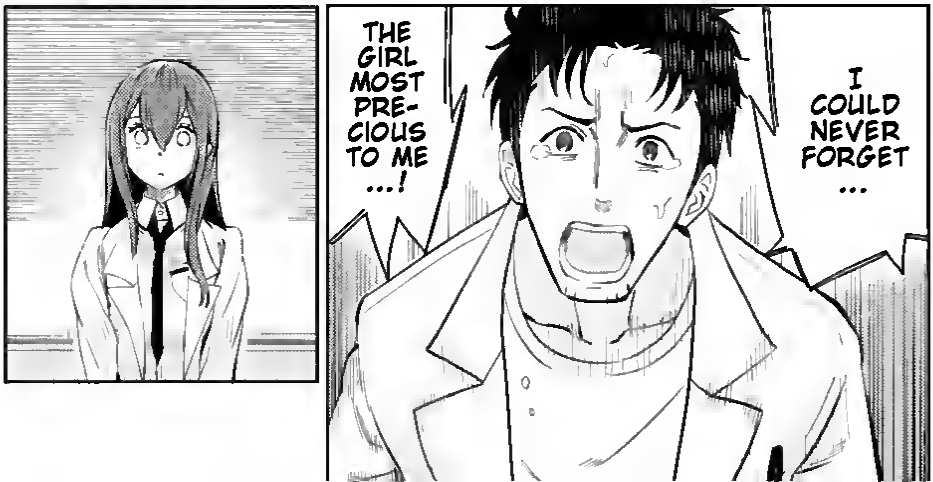

NO MATTER HOW MUCH I STRUGGLE AND REPEAT THE SAME DAY...

FORGIVE ME,
KURISU ...

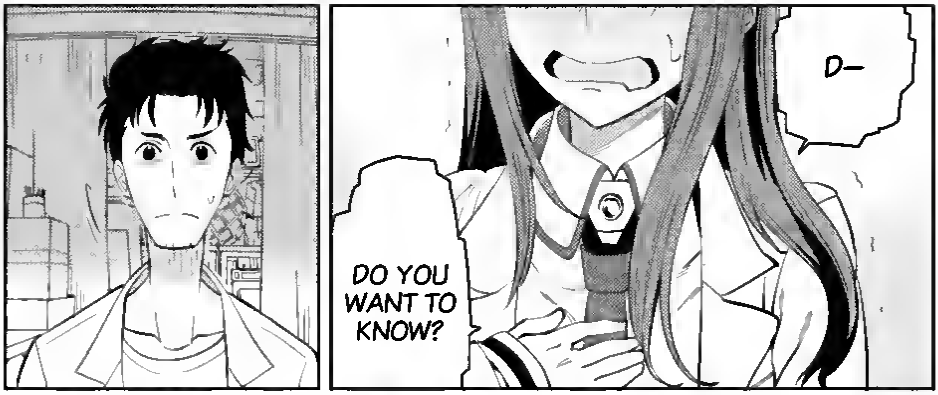
SFX: GRIT
PLEASE GO...
TO THE WORLD LINE WHERE MAYURI DOESN'T DIE.
HOW... HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT, KURISU?
DAMMIT ...!
IF YOU GO TO ANOTHER WORLD LINE, DARU AND MAYURI WILL FORGET
ALL THE TIME WE SPENT TOGETHER, WON'T THEY...?

OKABE...
WILL YOU PLEASE... REMEMBER ME?

TO ME, YOU'RE MORE THAN JUST A FRIEND.
I DEFI-NITELY ...
WON'T FORGET YOU.


I COULD NEVER FORGET ...
THE GIRL MOST PRE-CIOUS TO ME ...!

EH?
WHAT...
KURISU ...
I LOVE YOU ...
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT ME?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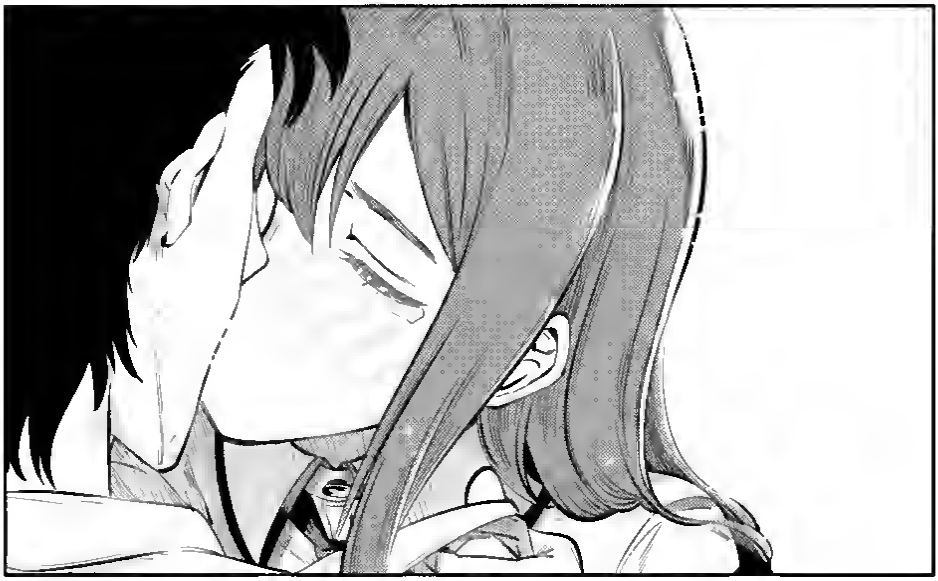
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

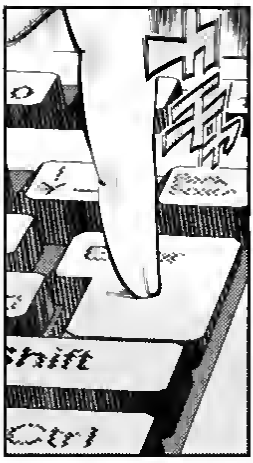


SAVE MAYURI ...
RETURN TO OUR ORIGINAL WORLD LINE.

HAS REACHED ITS FINAL PHASE!
NOW, OPE-RATION VER-THANDI

I...

SFX: PRESS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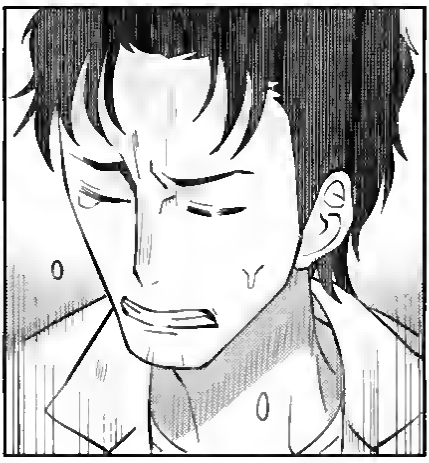

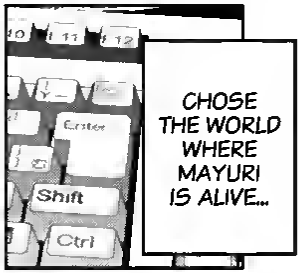
CHOSE THE WORLD WHERE MAYURI IS ALIVE...
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THE WORLD WHERE KURISU IS DEAD.

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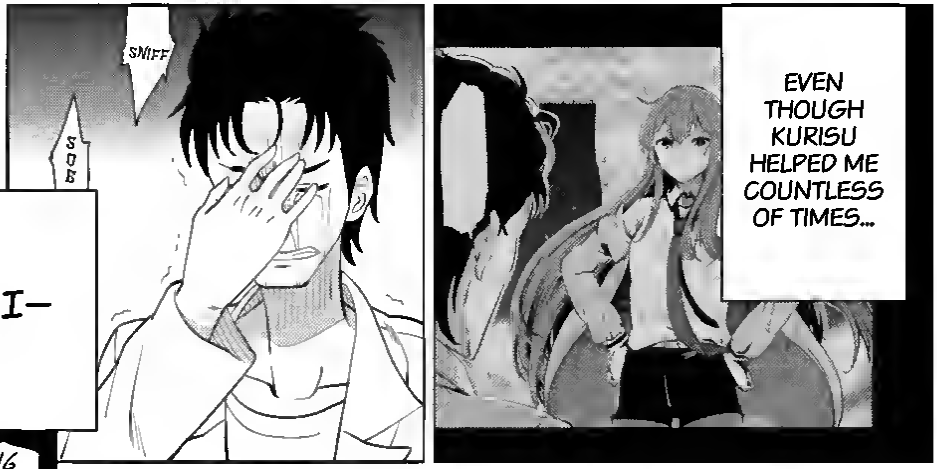
SFX: TAK TAK TAK TAK
....
MAYURI...
♪
WHO IS LAB MEMBER
NO. 004?
NO. 004 ...
NO. 004 ...
HM?

WE DON'T HAVE ONE.

KURISU HAS ALREADY BEEN KILLED. I CAN NO LONGER MEET HER...
IN THIS BETA WORLD LINE, WHERE MAYURI IS SAFE...


SNIFF
SOB
I—
RING RING
EVEN THOUGH KURISU HELPED ME COUNTLESS OF TIMES...

UNCLE OKARIN, PLEASE SAVE THE FUTURE
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I'VE COME FROM THE YEAR 2036 I'M HASHIDA ITARU'S DAUGHTER
OKARIN! SOME MYSTERY GIRL IS CALLING YOU.
IN THE FUTURE, THE THIRD WORLD WAR WILL OCCUR... AND 5.7 BILLION PEOPLE WILL DIE.
AMANE SUZUHA, WHO TIME TRAVELED FROM THE YEAR 2036, EXPLAINED THAT,
WHY ...
WHY ...
ARE YOU ASKING ME...
SHE PLEADED TO ME TO PREVENT THAT HELLISH FUTURE, BUT...

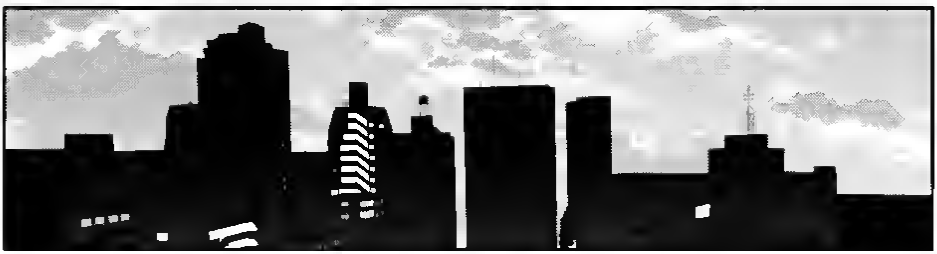
TO SAVE THE WORLD FROM THE DYSTOPIAN FUTURE?!
I CHOSE THIS WORLD, SACRIFICING KURISU...
AND YOU'RE TELLING ME TO CHANGE IT AGAIN? WHY?!

?!
THEN... WHAT IF WE WERE TO SAVE MAKISE KURISU?

UNCLE OKARIN,
GET IN THE TIME MACHINE.
BY SAVING MAKISE KURISU...

WE WILL REACH THE WORLD LINE KNOWN AS "STEINS GATE",
FREE FROM THE ATTRACTOR FIELD'S INFLUENCE.
THE PERSON WHO CAME UP WITH THAT PLAN WAS...
NONE OTHER THAN YOUR FUTURE SELF.
I WENT BACK IN TIME WITH SUZUHA TO THAT DAY, THE 28TH OF JULY, 2010, IN ORDER TO SAVE MAKISE KURISU IN THE BETA WORLD LINE.
HOWEVER, WHAT AWAITED ME THERE WAS...

KU
RISU?
A FATE I COULDN'T CHANGE NO MATTER HOW MUCH I STRUGGLED.
THE SAME SITUATION AS WITH MAYURI.
SFX: CLANK
THIS...
WHY...
WHY...
MY HEART WAS SHAT-TERED
BY WORLD LINE CONVER-GENCE.
ISN'T WHAT...



THE WORLD LINE WHERE I FAILED TO SAVE KURISU.

THIS IS THE BETA WORLD LINE...

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Arc-Relight

TL: Rain
ED & PR & TS:
NightLight